

81ST CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. J. RES. 19

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 10, 1949

Mr. KILGORE introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice
and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

JOINT RESOLUTION

To provide for collecting and publishing the writings of Thomas
Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, Woodrow Wilson, and Franklin
D. Roosevelt.

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That there is hereby established a commission to be com-
4 posed of two Members of the Senate to be appointed by the
5 President of the Senate, one from the majority party and
6 one from the minority party, two Members of the House of
7 Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House,
8 one from the majority party and one from the minority
9 party, the Archivist of the United States, and the Librarian
10 of Congress. Any vacancy occurring in the membership of

1 such commission (hereinafter referred to as the “com-
2 mission”) shall be filled by the selection of a person selected
3 in the same manner as his predecessor was selected.

4 SEC. 2. The commission is authorized to collect, and
5 arrange and prepare for publication, with indexes, the writ-
6 ings of each of the following former Presidents of the United
7 States: Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, Woodrow
8 Wilson, and Franklin D. Roosevelt. In each case the com-
9 mission shall, insofar as practicable, include all of the writings
10 of such Presidents which the commission deems to be suit-
11 able and appropriate for publication.

12 SEC. 3. The Public Printer is authorized and directed to
13 cause the writings of each of such Presidents, which are
14 prepared for publication by the commission, to be printed
15 and bound in the Government Printing Office, in a manner
16 and form approved by the commission. One thousand copies
17 of the writings of each of such Presidents shall, when so
18 printed, be distributed free of cost to such agencies and
19 officers of the United States and to such other libraries,
20 institutions, organizations, and persons as the commission
21 may designate. The other copies of such writings shall be
22 made available by the Superintendent of Documents for
23 sale to the public at a price, notwithstanding any other
24 provision of law, determined by the Public Printer to repre-
25 sent the actual cost of printing, binding, and distribution.

1 SEC. 4. (a) The members of the commission shall not
2 receive any compensation for their services as such mem-
3 bers; but any necessary expenses incurred by them in con-
4 nection with the work of the commission may be paid from
5 any funds available for expenditure by the commission.

6 (b) The commission may employ such experts and such
7 clerical and other assistants, and may make such expendi-
8 tures as it deems necessary for carrying out the purposes of
9 this Act. The commission is authorized to utilize voluntary
10 and uncompensated services and, with the consent of any
11 Federal department or agency, may utilize the facilities and
12 personnel of such department or agency.

13 (c) The appropriation of such sums as may be neces-
14 sary to carry out the purposes of this Act is hereby
15 authorized.

16 SEC. 5. The commission shall make such reports and
17 recommendations to the Congress with respect to its work
18 as it deems appropriate and, upon the completion of its
19 work, the commission shall transmit a final report to the
20 Congress and shall thereupon cease to exist.



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